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Applicant: NÄGELE, Helmut et al. ) Examiner:  
PCT Application No.: PCT/EP99/08592 ) unknown  
PCT Filing Date: November 09, 1999 ) Art Unit:  
For: COMPOSITE BODY COMPRISING ) unknown  
A DECORATIVE LAYER )

Docket No.: 18480.5

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231  
U.S.A.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

The Examiner is referred to the List of Prior Art  
(Form PTO-1449A).

DE 295 15 476, DE 42 28 779 and DE 39 16 331 each disclose a composite body having a carrier and a decorative layer made from a natural material. The carrier is made from at least one natural thermoplastic or thermoelastic polymer. DE 93 21 391 discloses a carrier made from a polymer blend comprising a synthetic polymer and a natural polymer. EP 720 634 discloses a carrier based on a lignin natural polymer.

The applicant assumes that, in accordance with MPEP 1893.03(g), copies of the PCT search document and cited prior art have been forwarded to the USPTO by the European Patent Office. If this is not the case, applicant requests notification of same.

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